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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Anthony A. Gallegos, Senior Reclamation Specialist *aa*

RE: Site Inspection, Nolan Walker, TW I, II, III Project, S/055/002 (UTU-63438), Wayne County, Utah

Date of Inspection: September 20, 2000  
Time of Inspection: 1820 - 1850?  
Conditions: Clear and Sunny  
Participants: Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine the site in response to request for file closure

At the time of this inspection there was a pickup truck with a Colorado license plate, and a tent near the excavation and waste dump. There were two men digging into the waste dump with picks and shovels. The pickup truck had a Colorado license plate. Two metal fence posts were visible from the access road leading in to the site. These posts may have been part of the mining claim markers at one time.

Photographs were taken of the general area showing the metal posts, the excavation, and the nearby waste dump. A GPS unit was used to locate a coordinate point at the west end of the trench-like excavation. The disturbance appears fairly old except for recent rock hounding disturbances, such as the two men digging in the waste dump at this time. One of the men said they had been coming here for years and suggested I also examine another mining disturbance further to the south, about two miles off of the main road.

The current excavation at this site is approximately 15 feet deep at the deep end and ramps up to a more shallow depth. There were considerable signs of rockhounding activity in the waste dump for the large selenite crystals. I informed the gentlemen that the Division would not regulate activities with pick and shovel. These activities were considered non-mechanized or casual use activities. The Division did not enforce rights of mining claimants and we were not aware of the present claims or claim holder at this site.

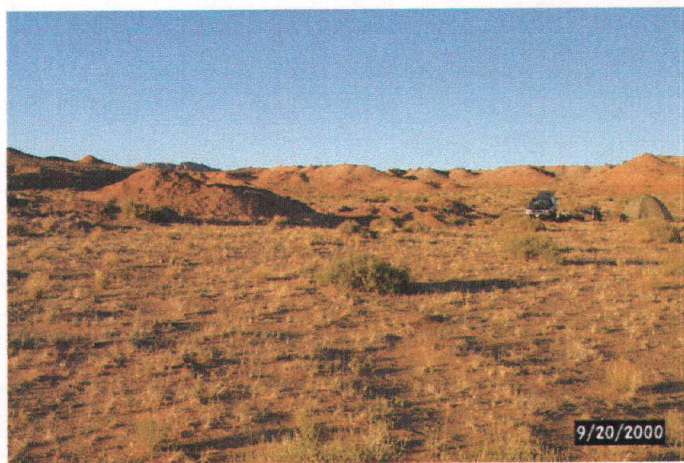
In conclusion, the site includes a pit excavation which could pose a safety hazard, although the site is fairly remote. The site disturbance existing prior to this small mine operation is unknown at this time. The Division will need to contact the BLM to discuss the possible closure of this file.

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cc: Nolan Walker, Operator  
Buzz Rakow, BLM, Henry Mountain FS (UTU-63438)  
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